



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**EXAMINER:** 

FOR: A Point-Of-Sale Commercial Transaction Processing System Using Artificial Intelligence

Assisted By Human

Intervention

ATT'Y DOCKET: AAI-002

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Eighteen total claims, including four independent claims have been added. A check in the amount of \$322 for the additional claims is enclosed herewith.

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Kindly add the following claims to the application prior to examination:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 31-48, as follows: